

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH RLY 44 (PART OF WYE VALLEY WALK) (LYDBROOK PARISH) (FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT) AND PUBLIC FOOTPATH WBK 4a (PART OF WYE VALLEY WALK) (GOODRICH & WELSH BICKNOR PARISH (HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY))

Gloucestershire County Council has by this notice closed temporarily under Sections 14, 15 and 16 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) part of Public Footpath RLY 44 (Part of the Wye Valley Walk) & WBK 4a (Part of the Wye Valley Walk) as described in the schedule below.

Schedule

Public Footpath RLY 44 (Part of the Wye Valley Walk) from its junction with RLY 1 at Ordnance Survey Grid Reference (OSGR) SO 58723/17656 in a generally north easterly direction for approximately 67 metres to its junction with Public Footpath WBk 4a at OSGR SO 58722/17695 and shown on the Order Map by a bold solid black line marked A to B.

Public Footpath WBK 4a (Part of the Wye Valley Walk) from its junction with Public Footpath RLY 44 at OSGR SO 58722/17695 in a generally north easterly direction for approximately 45 metres to its junction with WBK 4 at OSGR SO 58734/17742 and shown on the Order Map by a bold solid black line marked B to C.

The Footpaths fall within the Parish of Lydbrook Forest of Dean District and the Parish of Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor, Herefordshire County

The closure is necessary to safeguard the health and safety of the public due to the bridge being unsafe.

The Public Footpaths were originally closed for 21 days, by Emergency Notice from 15th April 2026. The works are still ongoing, and it is therefore now necessary to make a closure Order.

The said Order shall come into operation on 6th May 2026 and will authorise the closure of Public Footpath RLY 44 and WBL 4a for up to six months from the date of the original Notice which was 15th April 2026. However, if the problem continues after this time then it will be necessary to make an application to the Secretary of State for an extension to the closure

Alternative Routes – There is no suggested alternative route. Wye Valley Walk information on www.wyevalleywalk.org/walk or detail here <https://www.wyevalley-nl.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Wye-Valley-Walk-Diversion-Lydbrook-Bridge-2025-Autumn-2025-with-map.docx>



Emergency and Pedestrian access to adjoining premises is to be maintained.

DATE: 29th April 2026

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